

## **Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman**

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Winning 60 percent of the vote, Carolyn G. Goodman became the mayor of the city of Las Vegas on July 6, 2011. Her husband of 54 years and 12-year, term-limited mayor, Oscar B. Goodman, administered the oath of office. It is the only known instance of a spouse succeeding a spouse as mayor in the United States. She was handily re-elected to another four year term in 2015.

Among her priorities as mayor, Carolyn has championed improvement in inner-city schools. In a county in which all public education is controlled by an independently elected Board of Trustees, her role continues to be through the bully pulpit. The mayor helped accomplish the passage of a long-awaited Nevada Film Tax Credit in 2013. She has spearheaded efforts to formalize policies for the new food truck industry, curb underage drinking downtown and update related Las Vegas Municipal Code provisions. She has been a galvanizing force for bringing together the nonprofit social service agencies in southern Nevada to create a collaborative and establish a valid database of 501[c][3]s for donor evaluation. Carolyn has been an advocate of Las Vegas' \$44.9 billion tourism industry and is a former board member on the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. She also serves on the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA), Las Vegas Events, the Southern Nevada Tourism Infrastructure Committee, the Regional Transportation Commission and the Clark County Regional Flood Control District. She is chair of the Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency and serves on the UNLV Medical Community Advisory Board; the Governor's Technical Advisory Committee for Clark County School District Reorganization; the Governor's Commission on Tourism; and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Local Government Advisory Committee.

Carolyn is well known in the Las Vegas community for founding The Meadows School in 1984, Nevada's first nonprofit, college preparatory school for pre-kindergarten through 12th grades and overseeing the entire day-to-day operations for 26 years.

Carolyn and her husband moved to Las Vegas from Philadelphia in 1964 as relative newlyweds arriving in August with only \$87 between them. Initially, Oscar worked for the District Attorney's office while Carolyn began work in the hotel industry. While her husband traveled the country as a high-profile and very successful defense attorney, Carolyn raised their four infant children while simultaneously earning a master's degree in counseling at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Her children have gone on to be extremely successful, each of whom went on to graduate schools out-of-state and each of whom has now returned to live and practice in Las Vegas and raise their own families (six grandchildren to date).